

MINUTES OF HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

DATE: April 21, 2020
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Via Virtual Meeting

Chairperson Gil Spence called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Board Members Present: Gil Spence Mary Gotz Ron White
 Christoffer Lammer-Heindel

Housing Staff Present: Alexis Steger Ben Pothoff Tami Ernster
 Alex Rogan Shane Hoepfer Christina Schneider
 Tim Griebel Ted Krapfl Crenna Brumwell

Public Present: Peter Arling, O'Connor and Thomas Law Office

Certification of Minutes of March 17, 2020

Christoffer Lammer-Heindel motioned to accept the minutes. Mary Gotz seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Action Items

Chairperson Spence asked anyone who may speak to the following cases identify themselves and be placed under oath. Peter Arling, Ben Pothoff, Alex Rogan, and Tim Griebel were subsequently placed under oath.

CASE #1 **APPEAL OF ASSESSMENT COSTS**

Applicant: Renee Blosch on behalf of Mark Molo

Location: 500 Locust St.

Appeal: Requesting review of the cost charged by assessment for nuisance grass/weed abatement

Ben Pothoff provided a timeline for the grass and weed violation and subsequent violation abatement for this property. Peter Arling followed up with Molo's response to the complaint and stressed that the weeds were addressed by spraying on July 15th by their vendor Ahmann Lawn Service and stated that the City did not provide due process for the full situation.

The hearing was closed and brought back to the Board for discussion and questions. Alexis Steger provided information that the appeal period to appeal the violation had expired but that the cost of the abatement and subsequent assessment could be appealed. Although Molo had claimed the issue was addressed by spraying only, there was still an obvious violation of weeds two weeks after the first courtesy notice was sent so a contractor was hired to abate to keep vermin from hiding in the tall weeds that remained.

The Board discussed the area of abatement as being small and determined the contractor fee should be reduced. Ron White motioned to reduce the bill from \$289 to \$132 for contractor costs and \$25 for administration costs for a total of \$157. Mary Gotz seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Alexis advised the Board that this was an approval with a modification.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Items from the Board

There were no items from the Board.

Items from Staff

Ben updated the Board that non-emergent inspections are being delayed. Landlords are being contacted to reschedule inspections to May and June.

Ben updated that the appeals from the last meeting for 424 W Locust St. and 2105 Foye St. were both scheduled then delayed due to COVID-19 and will be re-inspected when restrictions are lifted.

Adjournment

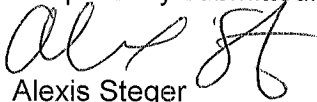
Christoffer Lammer-Heindel moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Gotz seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



Tami Ernster
Permit Clerk

Respectfully submitted:



Alexis Steger
Housing and Community Development Department Director